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PRESIDENT BUSH VISITS MONTANA

left to right: Montana's First Lady, Ann Stephens, The President, Lt Governor Allen Kolstad, and Governor Stan Stephens

"Happy Birthday, 100" was the greeting President George Bush gave Montana and an estimated 20,000 people in front of the state capitol Monday, September 18. President Bush had warm words of praise for the way Montana people are celebrating the Centennial in style. He said he was mightily impressed with the Great Montana Centennial Cattle Drive (nearly 3,000 cattle, 60 miles in six days) which captured the hearts of Americans. He quipped, "Maybe I can get a few of these drovers to come back with me to Washington, there's a herd back on Capitol Hill that I'd like to move in my direction."

Before moving into the theme of his speech, which was environmental protection, the President said November 8, 1988 was a big day for him, and November 8, 1989 will be a big day for all Montanans. Although he was a long way from Pennsylvania Avenue, he said he was on capitol hill and only a mile from Last Chance Gulch, "maybe I haven't left home at all."

He spoke of a five pound trout waiting for him in "the Bob" and he joked about his well-publicized poor luck fishing off the coast of Maine. He reasoned the fishing is poor in Maine because all the fish are in Montana, 896 fish per square mile.

But the President had more serious thoughts as he spoke of the need to preserve the environment. He insisted it is possible to have both a sound ecology and strong economy. He praised Montana for passing some of the most advanced environmental statutes in all of the 50 states.

He spoke of the future with its unlimited horizons, and assured the 7,000 school students in attendance of living in exciting times. He said he has more confidence than at any time since World War II of living in peace.

He spoke of a "can do" attitude, faith in hard work and love of nature, which prevail in Montana.

He spoke of the need to awaken a new spirit of environmentalism nation-wide, and he said here in Montana "I know that spirit exists. The conservation ethic runs deep here. The nation and the world can learn by Montana's example, and believe me we must learn."

The President was introduced to the large crowd by Governor Stan Stephens. Senator Conrad Burns, Lt. Governor Allen Kolstad and Helena Mayor Russ Ritter were also recognized.

The size of the crowd exceeded expectations, and many people had to be turned away. In addition to the 20,000 who

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Wow! It's hard to imagine how things could be going any better for the Centennial. Everything seems to be working out marvelously, in spite of the confusion that preceeded some of the events.

The only thing I would consider doing differently is maybe the President should have declared the Centennial office a disaster area for about three days before his visit and three days after it. Confusion was so thick only a genius could guide his staff through it without mishap, but guide it through is just exactly what Leo Ellingson and his great crew did. Believe me, Leo deserves a medal of honor for his efforts. It's not easy to take care of the Secret Service, send out the invitations, get the grounds prepared, plan the program, arrange the decorations, and do all the other things that become necessary when the President is coming to town, especially while directing other Centennial activities all over the state, and entertaining auditors all at the same time. Leo and his magnificent crew got the job done with perfection. Congratulations.

This is all the more amazing when you consider the fact that it happened just nine days after the Great Montana Centennial Cattle Drive sponsored by Latigo, Inc. There were about a million pesky details that officials of Latigo had to iron out in the last few days before the drive, but they also did the job with poise and expertise. I believe President Bush was right. We need to put those drovers in charge of lots of drives. Not only are they needed in Washington, D.C., but they might do the state legislature some good, and probably every other state legislature in the nation.

But there are some 1,400 Centennial events, not just two, and all the other 1,398 deserve credit for the fine way the citizens took charge and made the Centennial such a success. It's been a marvelous year.

Allen C. Kolstad

Lt. Governor Allen C. Kolstad
Chairman, Centennial Commission

Editor's Swan Song

This will be my last edition of the *Montana '89er*. Notice, I said *my* last edition, not necessarily *the* last edition. The staff may decide to publish a wrap-up edition following the Centennial Ball, but that is uncertain at this time. When I accepted this position it was with the understanding that I would be free to leave about the first of October. For personal reasons I cannot continue to serve after that time, much as I would like to.

I want to thank and compliment the staff of the Montana Centennial. They have all been most cooperative and helpful, as well as patient with me and my shortcomings. Although I have been self-employed for most of my life, I can't imagine working under any people better than Lt. Governor Kolstad, John Kinna and Leo Ellingson. I have really enjoyed working with them and consider it an honor to have been allowed to work in the state capitol.

But a thought has occurred to me. In retrospect, it wasn't the great bosses, the wonderful staff, or my efforts that made the Centennial such an overwhelming success. The credit has to go to the great people of Montana; you wonderful, civic-spirited individuals who saw an opportunity and accepted the responsibility to carry out over 1,400 Centennial projects and celebrations.

As far as I am concerned, even though the Montana Centennial had the smallest budget of any state celebrating a centennial, we had the best overall centennial...and that backs up a long-standing conviction of mine: the least government is the best government. If we had received a budget 10 times as large as the one we had, you the good people would not have seen the necessity to accept the responsibilities you accepted, and without your efforts, the Centennial would have been a flop.

In closing, I would like to throw out a challenge to you good people of Montana. You let the Centennial serve as a catalyst to bring out the very best in you. Don't let this wonderful civic spirit die with the end of the Centennial year. If you will approach the problems our state faces with the same vigor you approached the Centennial, you will find the answers to problems such as drug abuse, child and spouse abuse, moral decay, economic development, school funding and many more. You will find the solutions without massive government appropriations, and the inevitable increased taxation that must accompany such appropriations.

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THE BIG DRIVE

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The Great Montana Centennial Cattle Drive *September 4 – 9 sponsored by Latigo Inc., was a smashing success from every perspective—financial, educational, historical, public reception, enjoyment and experience. It has been called the largest Centennial event, and many of those who participated in it are calling it an experience of a lifetime. From the participants there are numerous glowing reports of wonderful feelings of cooperation, comraderie, fellowship, helpfulness, and warm friendships they will carry for the rest of their lives. They worked together beautifully to carry out this Centennial project that many thought was impossible. Their accomplishment gained state, national and international attention. President George Bush had high praise for the Cattle Drive in his speech in Helena September 18.*

End of Cattle Drive Prompts Pride — And Longing

Reprinted from the *Great Falls Tribune*

Montana closed its big drive of '89 with a sigh as well as a whoop.

"It was too soon," said wagon master Dave Stephens of Dutton. "I wish the city limits would have been another 50 miles down the road."

Most of the 2,400 real and would-be cowboys who rode the six-day, 60-mile trail from Roundup to Billings with Stephens clearly felt the same way. Hundreds of them lingered at the Billings Metra Park Saturday to savor the memories a little longer.

The Great Montana Centennial Cattle Drive celebrated Montana's 100th anniversary as a state. The drive brought a herd of 2,700 cattle, mostly longhorns, across 60 miles of open range accompanied by 2,400 riders on horseback and in 200 covered wagons.

"I feel proud," said trail boss Jay Stovall.

"I know there were skeptics, but I knew we could do it all the time."

Only two cattle died — one of them just before the drive began on Labor Day in the small town of Roundup — but two calves were born along the way.

Five people were injured seriously enough that they had to leave the drive. A couple of wagons were disabled.

Stovall's 105 drovers brought the cattle herd through a huge welcoming

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attended, an additional estimated 5,000 people lined the roadside of the President's route from the airport to the capitol.

School busses lined the streets around the capitol and the students were given the best location in front of the speakers' platform. People began gathering at 9:00 am and the crowd continued to swell until there simply wasn't room for any more.

Lt. Governor Allen Kolstad opened the program, introducing his wife, Iva, the director of the Montana Centennial Leo Ellingson, and the members of the Centennial Commission, who have staged 1,400 successful Centennial events and programs. He then introduced Norma Ashby who was mistress of ceremonies until the President arrived. The program consisted of the presentation of colors by the Montana Army National Guard Honor Guard. The Missoula County High School band played several selections including the National Anthem. Invocation was given by the Right Reverend Irving Jones, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Montana. Other entertainment was furnished by the Bob Quist Western Harmony, Red Lodge Grizzly Peak-A-Boos, Smith School Children's Choir and Dillon Junior Fiddlers.

Following his talk, President Bush planted a Centennial tree in front of the Capitol and he praised the Montana high school students who have participated in the program to plant Ponderosa pines. He also mentioned the project to plant 100 million trees in Montana in the next 10 years.

President Bush then did the unexpected. He moved into the crowd of students and shook hands with several of them before the Secret Service agents intervened.

Following the tree planting, the Helena High and Capitol High School bands played several John Philip Sousa selections.

Before leaving Helena, President Bush met with legislative leaders from four states in the Capitol building and conducted a news conference.

Governor Stan Stephens congratulates President Bush on the successful planting of the Centennial tree.

President Bush reaches out to the Helena crowd.

Lt. Governor Allen Kolstad introduces his wife, Iva Kolstad, at the events preceding the arrival of the President.

Centennial Director Leo Ellingson waves to the crowd after having been introduced by Lt. Governor Allen Kolstad before the arrival of President Bush.

First Lady Ann Stephens and Lt. Governor Allen Kolstad welcome Montana Senator Conrad Burns to the festivities marking the President's visit.

The Red Lodge Grizzly Peak-A-Boos perform for the crowd at the Capitol.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Thank you to all those who worked so diligently to make the President's historic Centennial visit to the Capitol the great success that it was.

The Centennial Office has received, literally, hundreds of compliments on the visit and the program of entertainment. Possibly the finest compliment came from the White House Advance Team leader, who said that ours was the best organized and most exciting of all the Presidential visits upon which he had worked.

Thank you to our superb entertainers who traveled many miles to volunteer their services. The Red Lodge Grizzly Peak-A-Boos, our official Centennial can-can dancers performed wonderfully. Rob Quist's Western Harmony show flew into Helena to donate valuable time. The Dillon Junior Fiddlers gave the crowd, estimated at 20,000–25,000, top-notch Centennial entertainment. From Helena, the Smith School Children's Choir, the Helena Boy Choir and Helena Girls Choir, and the combined Capital High and Helena High School bands performed. The 250-piece Missoula County High School Band, Montana's Official representative at the Rose Bowl Parade, bussed in to greet President Bush with "Hail to the Chief."

Thank you also to the Montana Army National Guard; the Right Reverend C. I. Jones, who conducted the invocation; Norma Ashby, our Mistress of Ceremonies; John Ward of Helena's Little John Septic Service; the merchants who loaned us goods and donated services, and the many volunteers, and state employees who freely gave of their time and efforts.

I regret that I cannot name each and every contributing individual and organization. There are too many for the limited space of this column, but what made the Presidential visit a success is the same thing that has made Montana's Centennial a success—the good people of Montana.

Leo Ellingson
Centennial Director

Butte-Silver Bow Centennial Update

Centennial Sporting Events highlighted the August activities by the Butte Tennis Association and the '89ers in conjunction with the Butte Copper Kings Baseball Club.

Clark Park was the setting for the Victorian Tennis Event sponsored by the Butte Tennis Association. Members gathered in the park wearing authentic clothing from the World Museum of Mining and sporting old fashioned tennis equipment. The Columbia Gardens ticket booth and the net were adorned with vintage bunting. The local media covered the event, which also provided a history of tennis in the State.

Tennis tournaments took place in the state from 1896 on. The August 16, 1900 *Anaconda Standard* reported that the fifth annual state tennis tournament was held in Great Falls. The Butte Tennis Club was also in existence at this time. The first courts were probably located at the southeastern corner of Park and Excelsior, across the street from the Hennessy house. Susan Schott, one of the chairmen of the event, researched the history.

On August 22, the Butte-Silver Bow '89ers with cooperation of the Butte Copper Kings Baseball Club sponsored "Centennial Baseball Night." Members of the past Industrial and Copper Leagues were honored guests and arrived on "Old Number 1." Bill Cullen, Mr. Baseball, who is 97, threw out the first pitch. He was accompanied by Stan Mayra. Local favorite Carl Rowan hawked 5¢ peanuts assisted by the stadium employees in old fashioned costumes. Earley Daze Productions provided live entertainment, and organ music was by Jeff Tochihara. The lobby sported red, white and blue centennial decorations and a memorabilia display from the World Museum of Mining and the Butte Archives.

Earlier in the month, the art of muzzleloading was revived by the Buffalo Rode Muzzleloaders in a "hands on" black powder demonstration. Members of the club were dressed in authentic clothing of the era and helped participants in learning about their lost art.

The Butte-Silver Bow County Fair kicked off with a Centennial Extravaganza at the Butte Civic Center. The cast, made up of local entertainers and young performers, provided an array of entertainment. The opening event was directed by Heather McCleod and Mike O'Connell with proceeds going toward the organization of a local children's theater group.

Pastor and Mrs. Rod Kvamme of Seeley Lake present Cabin Fever *to Lt. Governor Allen Kolstad. The book is a Centennial collection of stories about the Seeley Lake area, compiled by the Seeley Lake Writers Club. Rod Kvamme is the chairman. Other authors are: Mildred Chaffin, Herb Townsend, and Suzanne Vernon.*

CENTENNIAL BALL PLANS

Tickets to the Montana Centennial Ball went on sale statewide September 22, said Keith Kelly, events director for the Montana Statehood Centennial Ball. "Only 4,500 tickets will be available which is the maximum number of people fire inspectors will permit in the Capitol building.

"People from every corner of the state are planning to attend and we are planning entertainment, decorations, music and special events throughout the evening on all three floors of the Capitol.

"For example, the first floor will be decorated in a 'Broadwater Natatorium' theme with an abundance of plants and trellises. The theme will commemorate the beautiful Broadwater Hotel and Natatorium completed in 1889 by state pioneer builder Colonel Charles Broadwater. Plans originally called for the first Statehood Ball to be held at the Natatorium but were never completed. The Broadwater Hotel has since been torn down, but the 1989 Centennial Ball will commemorate that important year in Montana history," Kelly said.

"Imagine if you will, people dressed in period gowns and evening coats arriving at the State Capitol in horse drawn carriages while fireworks are lighting the sky on an adjacent hill.

"It will truly be an opportunity to step back in time to relive the grandeur and excitement as Montanans were taking their rightful place in a robust and rapidly growing state full of adventure and opportunities for all.

"Musical groups will be playing throughout the evening in every major area in the capitol," he said. "Also, at 10:40 pm, Governor Stan Stephens will lead participants in a toast to Montana's entrance to the Union as the 41st state."

Many people, said Kelly, are planning to dress in formal wear ranging from Victorian to flapper to modern dress. "It's going to be 100 years of history and 100 years of fashion," he said. Although period dress is encouraged, and formal dress is preferred, there are no dress requirements.

Tickets will cost $12.50 per person or $25.00 per couple. Newspapers across the state are informing the public where tickets can be obtained.

"If county ticket handlers run out of tickets in their area, people can mail in a waiting list card with their check or money order to the Montana Centennial Ball Events Office, Drawer 1989, Capitol Station 59620.

Tickets have been sent to all counties based on population. Small population counties such as Treasure and Golden Valley have received 10 tickets each compared to 550 tickets sent to Yellowstone County.

"Since fire inspectors have told us only 4,500 people can be admitted to the Capitol Building we can only sell 4,500 tickets. We expect the tickets will be sold very quickly, so we are encouraging people to contact their county ticket handlers as soon as possible."

The night's events will start with fireworks at 8 p.m.

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crowd along Billings' Main Street Saturday morning as if they did it every day.

Police estimated the throng at 25,000 to 30,000 — more than a fourth of the city's entire population.

The cattle, mostly longhorns, climaxed a spectacular centennial parade of all 2,400 riders and 200 covered wagons. Stovall's crew brought about 2,300 cattle through town.

"It all went very well, although it didn't go according to plan," said Billings Police Chief Gene Kiser.

Police said not only was there no huge traffic snarl, as they had feared, there also were no traffic accidents, no injuries, no arrests.

Only part of the wagons were supposed to join the parade, but on Friday night Barry McWilliams, one of the originators of the drive, announced in camp that all would go.

The rumble of iron-clad wagon wheels and the clatter of 12,000 horse hooves on the Main Street pavement blended into an hour-long roar like that of a freight train.

Like Stovall, the riders were proud of what they had done, and they showed it. The horses pranced and danced and tossed their heads as if they agreed.

Latigo, the non-profit company created to put on the drive, turns now to tabulating the costs and incomes. Any money above expenses is to go into an endowment fund to help finance a wide variety of rural projects, including college scholarships.

Latigo officials had said earlier the drive would cost anywhere from $400,000 to $1 million, and that final figures could not be determined until after the drive.

An auction of Western memorabilia and art was held at the Billings Metra Saturday afternoon, with the endowment fund receiving some or all of the sales. Two oil paintings by the late Montana artist J.K. Ralston brought the top bids — $12,000 each.

The grand finale of the drive was a country-western concert Saturday night that drew some 4,200 to see such musical stars as Lee Greenwood, Sheb Wooley, and Hoyt Axton.

Beulah Stipe, Thompson Falls, Montana, won a blue ribbon this year at the Sanders County Fair for having the best centennial theme with her display of centennial dolls.

Fifty-six dolls were dressed in fashions spanning 100 years. The one depicting 1889 wore a purple velvet suit, with a bustle. Others include a knickerbocker bike-riding outfit of 1890, a wedding dress from 1894, a 1924 jodpur riding habit, and the mini-skirt of the 1970s.

Fashion designs were obtained from several historic books, family photos, and friends. Materials used were velvet, organdy, chiffon, dotted swiss, suede, crepe, wool and double knit. All the dolls are Barbie dolls, and Mrs. Stipe used revised patterns for the dolls' outfits.

Dressed in turn-of-the-century tennis attire, Jean Peterson, along with other members of the Butte Tennis Association, sets to return a shot. Their attire was provided by the Montana Mining Museum for a Montana Centennial program.

SHRINERS TO PRESENT CENTENNIAL PROGRAM

The Albedo Shrine Fifth Annual Scandinavian Dinner and Concert will be held at the Shrine Auditorium in Billings, November 18 beginning at 5:30 pm with a social hour; 6:30 dinner, and concert at 8:15 pm. The Albedo Chanters (Men's Chorus) will present the concert which this year will have a Centennial program.

The plans are to present an educational and cultural program using 35mm slides and scenes depicting the historical significance of Montana's 100 years. The music sung by the Chanters will be in conjunction with the scenes and appropro to the different periods of history. Western music of the times, religious music and patriotic music will be utilized throughout the concert. A narrator will also relate in story form events from Montana history.

This program is open to the public and a nominal admission fee is charged to cover expenses.

The Great Montana Centennial Sheep Drive

The sheep industry ruled as king in Montana on September 3, 1989, when Reedpoint, a tiny community of 96 people, threw one of the largest and most successful Centennial events of the year.

The Great Montana Centennial Sheep Drive was declared a huge success by all the people involved—the crowd of 11,800 people that showed up and the many newspapers and media covering the event. Organizers, who were expecting 3,500 to 5,000 people, were pleasantly surprised by the number of people attending. Organizers, Let-Er-Go Unincorporated, aka The Reedpoint Community Club, report that everything from parking to the parade and sheep drive went smoothly thanks to the help from the crowd. Total strangers to Reedpoint pitched in and volunteered their services to help park cars, work in booths, herd sheep and much more.

The hooves of 1,200 sheep clattered down the main street of Reedpoint on September 3, when The Great Montana Centennial Sheep Drive took place. Bill Huyser coaxed the procession down the 6-block route, leading what else — the lead sheep.

After a slight delay because of the huge crowd in the street, the parade (with almost every entry sheep-related) wound its way along the tiny main street. The Absarokee High School Band led the parade, playing Montana's state song. It was followed by approximately 80 entries, including authentic sheep wagons, sheep-related floats, little Miss Bo Peeps, the Shrine clowns, antique cars, the Shriner's Oriental Band, old-time fiddlers, Snoosie Torgorsen and the Sheep Drive Band, sheep painted with the American flag and the Centennial logo, dressed-up sheep, the Laurel Centennial Posse and much, much more.

The parade was followed immediately by the Great Montana Centennial Sheep Drive. Approximately 1,200 woolies wound their way along the crowd-lined, six-block main street, running and jumping, thrilling the crowd, many of whom were probably watching for their "rented" sheep. One woman from Minnesota who flew in with her daughter especially for the drive, stated the sheep *must* be trained sheep and not just range sheep to be performing so well for the crowd. Most of the sheep in the drive were provided by local Reedpoint ranchers, Bill and Greg Langford, and approximately 400 more were brought in by Ott's of Reedpoint, and Chappels of Big Timber. The sheep, some of which were branded with the unofficial sheep drive brand, RP/89, were such a hit with the crowd that Russell Schlievert, head herder, and his herding crew ran them around the block and back through the crowd again. Trained stockdogs, mostly Border Collies brought in by Ellen Hart, Jeff Todd, Preston, Barb Lefeldt, and Jane Favenger, were a tremendous help in driving the sheep and really went to work on the back street where there was no crowd. Only two ewes got away that day, but were found and taken home the next day. Later that afternoon, the dog handlers and their dogs put on a demonstration in a field.

According to Bob Gilbert of the Montana Woolgrowers, there has not been such a large gathering of sheep people in the state to his knowledge, and even the mayor of neighboring Big Timber had to concede the title of "Sheep Capital of the World" to Reedpoint, if only for a day.

Media coverage of the Sheep Drive was extensive with representatives from Voice of America, NBC, Channel 8 of Billings, Channel 2 of Billings, the *Billings Gazette* and surrounding communities' newspapers, all filming and snapping pictures like crazy.

The different sheep contests were enjoyed thoroughly by the crowd, and winners of the prettiest ewe, ugliest sheep, smelliest sheepherder and largest horns were awarded ribbons and cash prizes. There were so many cute Miss Bo Peeps, and the judges could not decide who was best, so all the little girls won ribbons and prizes. The best working-sheepdog contest was another that the judges could not decide, so ribbons were awarded to all the owners.

Many food stands and game booths were set up on main street. Some food booths and all the souvenir stands ran out of things to sell early in the day, including the popular Sheep Drive t-shirt, just because of the "shear" numbers of people buying. Wool spinners demonstrated throughout the day, and the various contests such as the egg toss, log sawing, watermelon seed spitting, etc. were hits. A re-enactment of the last hanging in Stillwater County, performed by the Reedpoint Melodrama Players, went off without a hitch even though they had to weave their way through the crowded street to the grain elevator where they hanged the scoundrel.

The street dance started promptly at 6:00 and a crowd of approximately 2,000 stayed until the final dance at 11:00 pm.

Much of the money from the concessions, along with the Rent-a-Sheep program, was tagged to benefit the tiny library in Reedpoint. A new addition is planned and organizers report approximately $10,000 was raised to build it, this amount being approximately $6,000 more than was expected. Total expenses incurred by the Reedpoint Community Club to put on this event amounted to $1,434.

Many other game and food booths were run by Reedpoint organizations such as the cheerleaders, basketball team,

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Amy Schilling and her patriotic lamb were in step with the theme of Reedpoint's centennial celebration. The pair participated in the parade preceding the Great Montana Centennial Sheep Drive.

photos courtesy of Jeri Dobrowski

4-H Club, Jaycees, etc. and profits from them were going for new uniforms and special projects for each club.

Organizers estimate a total of $87,000 was spent in the immediate area of Reedpoint that day, which will certainly help the small community stay alive for one more long winter. Prices of food, beer, soft drinks and souvenirs were reasonable and organizers have had reports that nobody was "fleeced" by Reedpoint.

The Reedpoint Community Club wants to thank the many corporate sponsors and local and surrounding community businesses and people who donated money, advertising and time to make this event a success. Last, but certainly not least, the Reedpoint Community Club wants to thank the 11,800 people who attended and were such a friendly, helpful crowd. The club hopes they all had a good time and will come b-a-a-ack and see Reedpoint again.

Videos of the Sheep Drive and t-shirts, sweatshirts and caps are on sale now and can be ordered by writing P. O. Box 356, Reedpoint, MT 59069, or calling 326-2288.

STATEWIDE BELL RINGING

On Wednesday, November 8 at 10:40 am, Montana's 100th birthday of statehood, you are invited to join all Montanans in a statewide bell-ringing ceremony. At that exact minute in 1889, President Benjamin Harrison signed and issued the proclamation declaring Montana the 41st state in the Union.

The time is known because of a telegram sent to Governor Joseph K. Toole notifying him of the President's action.

A special bell, the Montana Heritage Bell, cast in fine brass with a handle the shape of Montana, has been made by Treasure State Foundry in Kalispell.

An outgrowth of the bell-ringing project is the historic Montana Statehood Centennial Bell. From a church in the St. Ignatius area, the bell has been donated by the Brent Bliss family of Great Falls and Dutton in memory of Elmer B. Bliss, Power-area farmer and mail carrier, who collected historic bells.

A joint resolution by Senator Gene Thayer of Great Falls and Representative Jan Brown of Helena, authorizing the placement of the statehood bell in the State Capitol, was unanimously approved by the 1989 state legislature.

The Statehood Bell, which weighs more than 600 pounds and is in an oak frame, will be rung by Governor Stan Stephens in formal ceremonies in front of the Capitol November 8 at 10:40 am. This will signal the ringing of individual bells, along with school, church, and fire bells throughout the state for one minute.

Negotiations are underway to televise the special bell-ringing ceremony and other festivities surrounding this historic event.

Nancy Keenan, Superintendent of the Office of Public Instruction, has endorsed the bell-ringing project and has encouraged all Montana school children to ring their own bell on November 8.

A #1 sterling silver commemorative bell has been cast for President George Bush and efforts are being made to have Montana's Congressional delegation present it to him at the White House.

Norma Ashby of Great Falls is coordinator of the bell-ringing project which has been sanctioned by the Montana Statehood Centennial Commission. "The bell-ringing ceremony on November 8 at 10:40 am is one that can involve EVERY Montanan," Ashby said. "It will only take one minute, but what a historic minute that will be." She also encouraged Montanans living outside the state to join in this unique Centennial year event.

CATTLE DRIVE IN THE BLACK

With revenue still flowing in from some sources, the Great Montana Centennial Cattle Drive is in the black and has already put $50,000 into a fund to help rural areas of the state, officials of Latigo Corp. announced.

"We've accomplished the goals we originally set for this event," said Cal Winslow, a Latigo board member in charge of public relations. "The Centennial was appropriately celebrated like nowhere else in the country; the drive went off safely; and there is money left to establish the Rural Development Fund."

That fund was established by the non-profit Latigo Corp. to provide scholarships for rural children and capital for economic development projects in rural Montana.

"We still have some clean-up to do on the trail, but by and large, we've picked up the trash on the route," Kim Kuzara, the director of logistics, said. Latigo is also replacing fences that had to be removed along the 60-mile route, and returning dozens of radios and cellular telephones to companies that donated use of the equipment, he said.

The livestock sales that capped the drive are being posted, and owners will be sent their share of the proceeds, Kuzara said.

"I think the sales went better than we anticipated," he continued.

The final tally of cattle sales was not available, but Kuzara said one of the two stockyards had turned over almost $50,000.

Kuzara said he has a "gut feeling" that Latigo will reach its goal of a $150,000 profit from the drive.

"I hate to predict it...I hate to get specific about how much money we'll make, but I know we're going to be in the black," he said.

Latigo is still selling limited memberships, and the Cattle Drive Mercantile will stay open through November, selling photos, shirts and drive memorabilia for the Christmas season. Other revenue could come from book royalties channeled through the Montana Community Foundation, Winslow said.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

Montana's Centennial Celebration is nearing its finale. As I review the multitude of Centennial activities occurring over the last ten months, I cannot say enough about the pride I feel for Montana and its people. Montanans, acting alone as well as collectively, have applied their hearts and minds, not to mention their valuable time, toward making this once in a life-time event memorable. From the grass roots citizen organizations to the state's Centennial Commission, it has been a job well done, Thank you, Montana!

The events to date have been but a warm up for the finale of our Centennial Celebration. In November, Montanans will have the opportunity to join in two statewide activities that can be as memorable as all the rest: the "1989 Centennial Montana Religious Heritage Days," November 1–8, and the statewide bell ringing ceremony November 8, at 10:40 a.m.

During "Montana Religious Heritage Days" I am asking our citizens to reflect on the role of religion and faith in the building of Montana. Spiritual beliefs of many types and origins had a strong influence in the development of Montana during its first century. They will play a pivotal role in our second hundred years as well. In a manner of your choosing, I ask that you include the recognition of this aspect of life in your Centennial celebration.

At 10:40 a.m., November 8, 1889, Montanans received official notification of statehood. To recognize the one hundredth anniversary of this historic notice, all Montanans are invited to participate in a statewide bell ringing ceremony. With your bell in hand, or any noisemaker you choose, let's fill the air with the sounds of celebration from Yaak to Alzada, Plentywood to Monida, and from every Montana home in between.

I look forward to seeing and meeting those of you attending the Big Sky Centennial Ball in Billings, November 3, and the Montana Centennial Ball at the Capitol Building in Helena, November 8.

Until then, take care, and God bless.

Stan Stephens
Governor of Montana

On the Great Montana Centennial Cattle Drive

Montana–Canada Friendship Day

Military jets, flags, a nineteen-gun salute, and music welcomed Canadian dignitaries to a Montana Centennial celebration in Helena, September 9, recognizing a century of friendship and mutual respect shared between Montanans and their neighbors in Alberta, British Columbia and Saskatchewan.

Governor Stan Stephens and his wife, Ann, were the hosts of the first annual "Montana-Canada Friendship Day" which featured as guests Saskatchewan Premier Grant Devine, British Columbia Premier William Vander Zalm, Alberta's Minister for Municipal Affairs, Raymond Speaker, and Gilliane Lapointe, Consul for Political and Economic Relations and Public Affairs at Canada's consulate in Minneapolis.

Governor Stephens and former Governor Tim Babcock organized the Centennial event to mark a new state initiative for increased trade between Montana and its neighbor provinces as well as celebrating the long-standing friendship between the state and Canada.

"Both the friendship and mutual respect that has existed between America and Canada has set an example for the whole world," Stephens proclaimed to an audience of about 200 gathered outside the Capitol Building during the flag-raising, U.S. and Canadian jet fly-over ceremony.

He heralded the U.S.-Canada Free Trade agreement for providing Montana entrepreneurs with increased opportunities for business development and expansion. The agreement will also be a key step toward developing a "North American partnership" that can compete with the European Economic Community and Pacific rim countries, Stephens said.

Saskatchewan Premier Grant Devine said the reduced trade restrictions between Canada and the U.S. will strengthen the economies of both countries by providing "friendly competition" and benefits for the average consumer.

He called on Montana and the United States to "harmonize its environmental laws" with his country. He specifically requested that policies affecting water development projects that span the U.S.-Canada border be joint ventures.

Premier Vander Zalm could not attend the afternoon events of "Friendship Day" but he and his wife did arrive in Helena later in the afternoon for a reception and State Dinner at the Governor's Executive Residence.

The Canadian dignitaries and public members attending the opening ceremonies and afternoon reception in the Capitol Rotunda were entertained by the Helena Boy Choir and Helena Girl Choir, Last Chancers Barbershop Chorus of Helena, 6th Army Band from the Presidio in San Francisco, and Helena High School pianist Greg Bolin.

A reception and State Dinner in honor of the Canadian guests was held at the Lt. Governor and Governor's Executive residences that evening.

The 6th U.S. Army Band from the Presidio in San Francisco entertaining participants at the Friendship Day celebration in front of the State Capitol Building. The Band performed both pop musical selections as well as military marches and the national anthems.

Mrs. and the Honorable Ray Speaker, First Lady Ann Stephens, Governor Stan Stephens seated on the viewing stand during the opening ceremonies of Montana-Canada Friendship Day.

Canadian 5th Grader Reports on Montana

Heather Leavitt, a 10-year-old fifth grader from Woodstock, New Brunswick, Canada, knows more about Montana than many Montanans. In fact, she has completed a 16-page report on the Treasure state, and the report was given a perfect 25/25 grade by her teacher, Mrs. Walsh James.

Heather attends a school about 10 miles east of Maine. There are about 30 students in the combination 5th and 6th grade classes in her room. Heather was the youngest of the students in the class. They had been studying the United States in a social studies course, and to conclude the studies, each student was told to select a state and make a report. Heather chose Montana. The report has been mailed to the Montana Centennial Office.

The paper upon which the report is made was cut in the shape of the Montana geographic boundaries. Her mother, Debbie Leavitt, said Heather did the typing for the report herself. On the cover is a picture of the Montana bird, the Meadowlark; the state flower, the Bitterroot; the Montana map, Montana flag and Montana seal.

The report also contains a map showing the provinces, British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan, which border Montana on the north, Idaho on the west and North and South Dakota on the east.

Heather gave a population breakdown: 53% live in cities and 47% in the country in Montana. Other information included pictures of General George Armstrong Custer, a gold mining operation, Logan Pass and more.

There are descriptions of both Yellowstone and Glacier Parks, the Rocky Mountains and the state capital. There is also a Centennial logo and story. A complete bibliography brings the report to a close.

Lt. Governor Allen Kolstad has written a letter to Heather, congratulating her on her fine report, and inviting her to come and visit the Treasure State. Included in the letter was a colored picture of the Centennial floral display and capitol building, Centennial pin and Centennial pencil.

Heather entered the sixth grade in Southern Carleton school in Woodstock September 30. She will be 11 years old October 12. She is an athletic girl whose special interests include swimming and Ringette, a game much like hockey. She also studied dance (tap and jazz) and is a Girl Guide, which is similar to Girl Scouts.

Her father, Ross Leavitt, is a systems analyst and her mother has taught computer courses at a community college. Heather is reasonably competent with their home computer.

RELIGIOUS HERITAGE DAYS

Response has been very good to Governor Stephen's proclamation of November 1–8 as Religious Heritage in Montana Days. Churches throughout Montana are planning special activities during the week.

Church leaders are reporting delight that the Governor recognized the fact that man did not create Montana, the Land of Shining Mountains, the Glory of the West, and the Big Sky Country. They feel it is fitting and proper that God is included in the celebration of the Montana Statehood Centennial.

Many churches will offer special prayers of thanks to God for so great a heritage, along with recognition of the fact that we who live in Montana are stewards over this great land, with an obligation to preserve it.

Many congregations are preparing a history of the congregation to be read during the week, including a history of their denomination. Senior citizens and charter members will be recognized.

Churches will be offering prayers of thanks for the freedom we enjoy as citizens of the United States, with special recognition that the date of the Centennial, November 8 comes during the month of Thanksgiving. There will be prayers for the people of China who have lost what little freedom they had.

There will be prayers for God's guidance for the leaders of our great state and great nation.

Many of the churches will also observe the birthday of the state by ringing their bells at 10:40 am November 8, 100 years after Montana became a state.

William Berkin: Russell Pal and Model

Judith J. McCollum Walker of Pacifica, California was a visitor at the Centennial office Monday, September 25 and presented Lt. Governor Allen Kolstad with a 13-page booklet concerning her great-grandfather, and early day pioneer, William Berkin. She says Montana historians too often overlook the exploits of her great-grandfather, and she wanted to bring this matter to the attention of the Centennial.

According to her booklet, which was backed up with many early day newspaper accounts, her great-grandfather was a close personal friend of Charlie Russell. In fact, he was the model for many of Russell's famous paintings, such as *Jerkline, Wagon Boss, When Mules Wore Diamonds, Discovery of Last Chance Gulch, Warning Shadows, Belle Mare, Doubtful Handshake* and others.

But that's not all he was famous for. William Berkin drove the first load of freight from Fort Benton to Virginia City, and established the route which is still used today. Eventually his line ran from Salt Lake City to Helena and continued into the 1870s. He ran both bull teams and horses.

Berkin was born in England in 1830 and died at the age of 101. He came to Montana in 1863.

He was a warm friend of Col. Wilbur W.A. Sanders and M. Holter. He was a friend and partner of Senator William Clark, and apparently not much of a businessman. He sold his partnership to Clark for $3700 and a short time later it was worth something close to $20 million. He was also a member of the vigilante group which rid Montana of the Henry Plummer gang.

Bust of Chief Plenty Coups Missing

This bronze bust of Chief Plenty Coups was sculpted at his home in Pryor, Montana in 1932, just two months before he died, by Voris Linthacum, a Hardin, Montana woman. It was taken to the Crow Indian Tribal Museum in Pryor, on October 15, 1960, by her sister and brother-in-law, for display.

For reasons unknown, this bust of Plenty Coups has disappeared and the staff at the museum does not know where it is.

In 1977, a copy of this bust was purchased from Voris' husband, Clifford Marker, by Mr. Ed Kopack of Hardin, who gave it to the museum. This bust was put, and still is, on display.

Voris sculpted a number of well-known people—Gary Cooper, (bust in Helena's Historical Society Museum) and Dean Martin of movie fame, and others.

Relatives of Voris would very much like to find the lost bronze bust, and ask that anyone who has seen or has information on its whereabouts to contact Wayne Linthacum, 3002 E. Monticeto, Phoenix, Arizona 85016, (602) 955-9174.

IMPRESSIONS OF THE CENTENNIAL OPERA *PAMELIA*

"Andrew, bring in the wood!"

With this request from the mother, the letterwriter, the star—Pamelia Fergus—the Centennial opera, *Pamelia* came to a close. It was only fitting and in keeping with the story that the last line should be so "homely," so mundane, so real. In the last scene of the opera, the Fergus family has been reunited, after four years, with their father and husband, James Fergus, in Virgina City, Montana, only to have him announce one short month later, that he is moving on to the Prickly Pear to look for gold. Pamelia Fergus thought that their lives apart had ended and that things would surely return to "normal"—her husband running the business, and she taking care of the home and family. But with her husband's announcement, her life and her children's lives are once again dependent on her ability to cope alone, to provide. However, this second time she's left alone, she has the skills to proceed, if not according to plan, at least with a new sense of self-knowledge. Her request to her son Andrew, to bring in the wood, is sung with confidence and perhaps more than a hint of pleasurable anticipation of the challenges ahead.

Linda Peavy and Ursula Smith, the librettists of *Pamelia*, have given a gift to Montanans that will be enjoyed by non-opera goers as well as those who are attuned to the art form. It is easy to enter the world of the Ferguses in their mid-19th century home in Little Falls, Minnesota, and later, James Fergus' life in the western gold camps, even though all the verbalizing is sung, not spoken. Oftentimes, the singing of the trivia of daily life becomes absurd and laughable, but in this production, the mundane is pared away and the important "everydayness" is left and singing it seems an appropriate way to present those telling moments.

Peavy and Smith have also served Montanans well by giving us a window into the lives of "regular" people: we do not get a hero or villian, we get regular folks trying to cope with the stuff we all have to cope with— should we leave our family home to try and find better jobs; how do men cope with their new, self-confident wives; how do women give up or not their new-found independence and business skills; how do young people tell their parents they want to marry someone they know their parents do not approve of. We Montanans (and Americans) have an abundance of stories of copper kings, industrialists, cowboys, sports heroes; and not nearly enough stories of the people who are outstanding in their neighborhoods, people who do not have lots of money or power.

Peavy and Smith have made careers of saving women's stories, and Montanans are richer for it. The highlight of the opera for this novice operagoer was the opportunity to hear the marvelous voice of mezzo-soprano, Leslie Richards. Luckily for us, the librettists discovered Pamelia Fergus and made her the main character, so that we could hear the wonderfully large voice of Miss Richards. When she asked Andrew to bring in the wood, we were awed.

It was a moving experience to watch and listen to a production of this quality. The vehicle for all that talent was one that broke tradition: a story of regular people, James and Pamelia Fergus; a story told predominately from a woman's point of view; and perhaps most startling, an atypical art form for Montana—not a musical or a stage play, but an opera.

Thanks to everyone involved. *Pamelia* is a wonderful and lasting birthday gift to the people of Montana.

MINERAL HILL GOLD MINE DEDICATED

"I am especially pleased that new business starts are taking place in our Centennial year," Lt. Governor Allen Kolstad said at the dedication of the Mineral Hill Mine and Milling Plant at Jardine, Tuesday, September 26.

Kolstad expressed appreciation to the company for its slogan, " Mining Gold and Protecting the Environment." He said American Copper and Nickel Company and Homestake Mining Company have spent millions of dollars in studies and investigations to assure that this new facility will *not* impact the ecology of this region, which lies between Yellowstone Park and the Absarokee-Beartooth Wilderness. This location itself makes this project one of the most sensitive ever to be considered in Montana and the support of the local communities and environmental groups demonstrates the companies determination to work *with* the people

Lt. Governor Allen Kolstad pours molten gold into a mold.
photo by John Reddy

and the land. It is exciting to note that full production goals are estimated at about 35,000 ounces of gold every month from this venture.

"Both engineers and environmentalists have assured me that this is a state-of-the-art system that has been created with the extraordinary intention of creating little or no waste and absolutely no danger to this beautiful area.

"The mine was initially seen as a seven year operation, but I am pleased to learn that initial deposits indicate that the Mineral Hill Mine may be inoperation up to 20 years. This is good news for Montana, for Park County, and for Gardiner, because a good neighbor and a positive employer will be around longer than anticipated. We have people that understand the importance of orderly growth and development for Montana, and who further understand that our less than 800,000 people can't continue to bear the increasing financial burden of supporting this very large and beautiful piece of real estate, without some additional help.

Kolstad addresses those gathered for mine dedication. Note gold ingot on right poured earlier by the Lt. Governor.

"Schools, highways, community and state services are costing more money. If we are going to continue to meet obligations, we're going to *have* to produce additional revenue; that means more people to fill the jobs that will be created by additional development in our state."

CENTENNIAL FLOAT TRIP

A Centennial float trip of the lower Yellowstone River, based on the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks "Treasure of Gold", was completed by Donald Fox, 66 and his son Jim, 35. The trip was sanctioned by both the Montana and North Dakota Centennial Commissions, and took a total of five years to complete. The last leg of the trip was completed July 12 at Fort Burford, North Dakota. They left Glendive July 4.

Over the five years, they floated an estimated 351.8 miles in five segments of 60 to 90 miles each. Fox's wife June helped the annual expedition by cooking and freezing meals in flat packages that fit in a cooler that was kept in the corner of the small raft. She also followed by car to provide any assistance that might have been needed.

"We do this for sheer love of the river and for the fun of it," Fox said.

They reveled in the wildlife, especially birds such as cormorants, white pelicans and avocets that Don Fox said are rarely seen.

Fox said he and his son consulted various resources so they could spot historical areas while floating down the river.

"PROJECT SOUTH CAROLINA"— the Rural America Relief Fund Convoy

Sponsored by the Communities for a Great Northwest, a convoy of trucks is forming to haul supplies to the South Carolina victims of hurricane Hugo.

The convoy from the northwest will rendezvous in the mid-west with other truckers who will then transport the goods to the south. The convoy will be organizing October 20–23.

For further information, contact: Ed Eggleston, P.O. Box 1320, Libby, MT 59923, 293-8844.

CATTLE DRIVE MONUMENT DEDICATED

A life-size bronze monument of two longhorn steers and a horse and rider was dedicated to the Great Montana Centennial Cattle Drive, September 11. Taking part in the ceremony, left to right: Max Berger, Latigo representative; Marilyn Floberg, chairman of the board of directors of the Billings Chamber of Commerce; Jim Van Arsdare, Mayor of Billings; Lyle Johnson, sculptor and creator of the monument; and Lt. Governor Allen Kolstad.

A life-size bronze monument of two longhorn steers and a horse and rider was dedicated in Billings, September 11 after the conclusion of the Great Montana Cattle Drive. Lt. Governor and Chairman of the Montana Centennial Commission, Allen Kolstad made the dedicatory speech.

"The dedication of this monument is the climax of an adventure so breathtaking in its scope that the people of the world followed every mile of the trail through the eyes of the press. This short yet difficult journey, created an image of Montana that will live on in the hearts of all who witnessed it or who were fortunate enough to participate in it.

"The artist, Lyle E. Johnson, says he created this magnificent monument as a tribute to the state and its people. That is entirely fitting because it was the people who made this idea take shape, with a dedication and intensity that is seldom matched. This great Montana Centennial Cattle Drive was intended to remind the people of this state, this nation, and the world, what sacrifices had to be made in another day, to feed the people of early Montana.

"Until this cattle drive, many thought that cattle drives were just another event from the pages of history. Let me remind you that "history", to quote a historian, "is the record of man in quest of his daily bread and butter." Those hardy men who brought the first cattle into Montana in 1850 would be hard pressed to understand why such a fuss is being made of what was just another day's work to them.

"I would say that one reason for the fuss is that so many people believed that such a cattle drive could never succeed. They measured such an achievement by the standards of modern man and found modern man unsuitable for the task. Luckily, the nature of Montanans has never allowed them to look at the risks and be daunted by the challenge. When you give such a challenge to a Montanan, he will roll up his shirt sleeves, tip his hat back on his head and find a way to beat the odds.

"I am very pleased to be here today to dedicate this monument to the memory of those thousands of young men of past years who made their living in the saddle. I am even more pleased to be able to dedicate this monument to the modern men and women who came together to recreate the idea of what it means to put yourself on the line in order to make a dream come true. As a member of a fifth generation Montana ranch family, I'm especially pleased that our ranching industry has been so properly recognized."

Montana, The Big Sky Country

God made the mountains wild and high
Where their snow-capped peaks nearly reach the sky.
He covered them with rock, flowers and trees
To make a home for animals, birds and bees.

He made the great plains and valleys so deep
Where grasses grow lush for cattle and sheep.
He made the great rivers so swift, deep and cold
And sprinkled their waters with agates and gold.

The rich golden grain that waves in the breeze
Is another great blessing to add to all these.
If you are looking for the best you could wish to see,
It's here in Montana, the Big Sky Country.

The beautiful green forests of ponderosa pine
Make as good lumber as anyone could find.
Copper, coal and oil were also found
That brought industry and wealth to our cities and towns.

Our highways lead to scenes so fair,
From the frozen glaciers to geysers rare.
Our great herds of cattle, horses and sheep
Are wonderful to behold and so hard to beat.

Waterfalls that sing both day and night
And streams full of trout are a beautiful sight!
There is no place in the world that I'd rather be
Than here in Montana, the Big Sky Country.

Our churches and schools we proudly boast
Are among the best from coast to coast.
Our people are healthy in body and mind,
Our families and neighbors, the friendliest kind.

Our homes and our ranches large or small
Are managed by people proud to walk tall.
Stalagmite caves with their statutes and spheres
Have thrilled the beholder for so many years.

The beautiful lakes and springs
Where the water flows free
Are part of Montana,
The Big Sky Country.

From swift antelope, sleek deer, moose and elk
To the bear and the cougar,
And tiny birds that fly,
God covered them all with a big blue sky.

He put them all here
For the world to see,
Right here in Montana,
The Big Sky Country

Viola Edwards Brault
July 5, 1966

In October, Swine Take Their Turn

Montana's livestock may be getting tired of statehood Centennial celebrations.

On September 3 nearly a thousand sheep were paraded down the six-block-long main street of Reedpoint to the cheers of 12,000 sheep partisans. Since then, about 2,700 cows have been herded by 2,400 drovers during a weeklong cattle drive from Roundup to Billings.

And now, it's the pigs' turn — the Great Montana Centennial Swine Drive was set for Boyes on October 1.

Boyes is a southeastern Montana community on the way to Alzada and just across the hills from Biddle.

"There's a post office, a store and two families live here," said Kerry Gardner, a member of the swine drive committee.

The Boyes Community Club Hall, a few miles down U.S. 212 from downtown Boyes, was the inspiration for the drive, Gardner said. "We had a big hail storm here June 23 that broke out the windows and ruined the roof."

The community had no money for repairs, thus the idea for a livestock drive.

Cattle and sheep had already been taken and there's no glamour in chickens, Gardner said, so pigs won out.

For those who didn't own a pig, or who could not persuade their pig to attend, Gardner said, pigs were rented from Let-er-Oink Rent-A-Pig Division at Boyes.

Swiss flag was flown from the Hartman-Murray wagon from Miles City. Karen Rotmann, from Swiss television, was just one of many foreign journalists on The Great Montana Centennial Cattle Drive.
photo by Verle L. Rademacher

Lt. Governor Allen C. Kolstad hit the trail with the Great Montana Centennial Cattle Drive. Kolstad, also chairman of Montana's Centennial Commission, is right at home on horseback, having run as many as 650 cattle on his ranch southwest of Chester. The Cattle Drive, organized by Latigo Inc., began September 4 in Roundup and ended September 9 in Billings. Approximately 2,700 cattle, 3,000 riders, and 300 wagons covered the 60-mile trail.

Snake Drive? Well, Maybe.

The *'89er* is in receipt of the following correspondence. You interpret it to suit yourself.

The good old boys at Boyes gave us a good idea with their Swine Drive. We are going to try to get a Centennial Snake Drive going if it doesn't take too much work.

1. All native snakes are qualified including rattlers, bulls, garters and whatever else for the Centennial Race-Drive.

2. If one entrant's snake eats another entrant's snake en route, it will get its wrists slapped, but will not be disqualified as long as it does not make a habit of it.

3. The race will take them 100 feet. Each snake drover will be responsible for putting his entry back out to range after it is all over, except for the shouting.

4. We don't have a date picked yet, as we don't have a handle on the weather. It will be after the most convenient unneeded rain, as we don't want them raising excess dust.

Best Regards,
Clayton Berg,
Coordinator of the Great Centennial Snake Drive

Wagons and riders get directions on The Great Cattle Drive

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OCTOBER • NOVEMBER • DECEMBER CENTENNIAL CALENDAR

October

14	Havre	Ag & Ranching in West	265-4383
14	Helena	Military & Civilian Cent. Ball	442-4120
14-15	Glendive	Style Show	365-5601
15	Missoula	Harvest Fest.ival– Ft. Missoula	543-6623
15-17	Butte	Art Show, Painting	494-4069
16-17	Havre	Chippewa Cree of Rocky Boy Reservation Annual Council Treaty Conference	295-4355
17-18	Missoula	Apple Days	543-6623
19	Butte	Dixieland Jazz	494-4069
19-20	Helena	Mt. Fed. of Teachers Conv.	442-2123
21	Highwood	Cent. Dinner Theater & Ball	733-6382
21	Lincoln	Hunter's Stew	362-4485
24	Great Falls	Cent. Concert, G.F. Symphony	453-4102
29	Glendive	Historic Homes Tour	365-5601
31	Lincoln	P.T.A. Carnival	362-4485
	Dillon	Western MT College Homecoming	
	Harlem	Play/Centennial Monument	352-2201
	Miles City	Centennial Oktoberfest	232-2890

November

	Ronan	"Western Harmony" Musical	676-5333
	Hamilton	Bitteroot Lib. "Life in Montana" stories	363-1670
1-30	Miles City	Veterans Art Exhibit	232-3060
1	Stanford	Judith Basin Cent. Calf Sale	566-2272
1	Chester	"Our Liberty" Play	292-3524
1	Chester	5th Cent. Church Day	292-3524
1	Great Falls	Peace Garden Tour	727-5184
3	Billings	Big Sky Costume Ball	259-9695
3	Dillon	Luncheon, Art Show	683-5552
3-4	Medicine Lake	"Montana Times" Play	
3-30	Helena	"Watermedia 89", Holter Art Museum	443-3748
3-30	Billings	"Watermedia 89"	656-6271
4	Butte	Pioneer Chapter American Red Cross Art & Antique Auction	782-8358
4	Forsyth	Pink Lady Aux. Cent. Ball	356-2161
5	Jackson	Turkey Shoot	834-3130
6-12	Butte	MT Cent. QSO Party/Amateur Radio Club	782-8075
6-12	Cut Bank	Women of Today Cent. Essay Contest, Dance, Play, Marionettes	873-4162
8	State-wide	10:40 a.m. Statewide Bell Ringing	453-2433
8	Havre	State Birthday Party	265-4383
8	Helena	Admission Day—MONTANA'S 100TH BIRTHDAY CENTENNIAL BALL Grand Celebration—A variety of Gala Events, Participation of all Montana Communities. Coordinated by the Capital City '89ers and State Centennial Office	442-4120
8	Missoula	Centennial Time Capsule	543-6623
8	Rosebud	Rosebud Schools & Comm. Centennial Day	347-5353
11	Miles City	Vet. Day Ceremony & Cent. Ball	232-3060
18	Billings	Shrine Chanters Scandinavian Dinner & Centennial Concert	259-4384
18	Helena	Amer. Lung Assoc. Monopoly Championships	442-6556
18	Missoula	Missoula Symphony Cent. Concert: commissioned work in honor of the Centennial	543-6623
19	Missoula	Old Time Christmas Exhibit–Hist. Mus. at Ft. Missoula	543-6623
24	Missoula	Christmas Carol Sing & Tree Lighting	543-6623
Nov.-Dec.	Laurel	Miller Cent. Christmas Lighting Display	628-7857
24-1/1	Missoula	Centennial Christmas Display at Southgate Mall	543-6623

December

1	Butte	Holiday Art Exhibit	494-4069
2	Fromberg	Centennial Lighting, Year-end Carbon County Event	668-7773
3	St. Regis	Centennial Tree Lighting	
	Washington, D. C.	National Christmas Tree from the Kootenai National Forest near Libby, MT	
27	Missoula	H.S. Band Performance at Tournament of Roses Parade; Seaworld; Disneyland	542-4030

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The decorated Capitol serves as a backdrop for President Bush's visit.